

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging Page 5 and 6 as follows:

The invention therefore provides a method of detecting switching subnodes in a monoblock wavelength division multiplex optical switching ~~nodenetwork~~, each subnode corresponding to a given level of granularity and to a given switching function, which method includes the following steps:

- (a) collecting information concerning how traffic is crossing an ~~the~~ initial monoblock switching node;
- (b) defining the granularity and switching function of the subnodes to be detected;
- (c) considering each subnode successively in an order corresponding to reducing switching constraints; and
- (d) for each subnode, selecting all or part of the traffic of an incoming granularity and an outgoing granularity that satisfy the switching constraints of the subnode concerned.